

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to reflect the national stage status.

In addition, the claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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